

## FRISCO'S LOSS IS \$2,000,000

Great Damage By Fire Occurred To-day

## NEARLY AN ENTIRE BLOCK

Several Factories and Stores Which Were in the District of the Last Conflagration Were Wiped Out.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 26.—Fire today destroyed nearly the entire block, bounded by Mission, Jessie and First streets. The loss will reach \$2,000,000. Several factories and stores were entirely consumed. The buildings were nearly all temporary structures, in the heart of the district which was burned over after the earthquake. They were frame and highly inflammable.

## FIRE DESTROYS MILL.

Building and Contents at Hampton, N. H., Burned.

Hampton, N. H., Dec. 26.—The mill and grain elevator, a large three-story frame structure situated near the freight house of the B. & M. R. R., owned by the Irving Power Company, was destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon. The fire was discovered shortly after 3 and soon the building was a mass of flames. The town has no water service, and the building and contents, consisting of engines, boilers and grist mill equipment, were soon destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$12,000 on the building and contents. The building was insured for \$10,000 and the machinery for \$1,500. The mill contained grain, barley and four to the value of \$3,000. The origin of the fire is a mystery, as Mr. Powers states there had been no fire in the building for several days.

## FATALLY BURNED AT TREE.

Match Sets Old Woman's Dress Ablaze—Daughter May Die, Too.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 26.—While lighting a candle on a Christmas tree at her home, 10 Fountain street, yesterday, Mrs. Bridget Mack, 70 years of age, accidentally dropped the match, which set her clothes ablaze. Mary Mack, 40 years of age, her daughter, tried to beat out the flames, but did not succeed for some minutes. A few hours later the aged woman died at the City hospital. The daughter is terribly burned, and little hope is held out for recovery.

When the police and neighbors rushed into the Mack tenement, in response to frantic screams, they found the old woman tossing wildly about on the floor, while Mary Mack, shrieking from pain, ran from room to room. The police had to force the younger woman to the floor, and wrap rugs about her to extinguish the flames, with the woman stoutly resisting.

## Two People Burned to Death

North Dover, O., Dec. 26.—Two people were burned to death and the third was fatally hurt in a fire which destroyed the general store of the express station at 14th street to-day and was ground to pieces. The suicide was extremely spectacular. Six cars passed over the body, and buried it over the edge of the platform in front of a motor car. Women shrieked and a man fainted. Traffic was delayed an hour until the police reserves had to be called out. He is a nephew of J. C. Stedman, the broker.

## JUMPED IN FRONT OF SUBWAY TRAIN

Ernest G. Stedman Figured in Spectacular Suicide in New York To-day.

New York, Dec. 26.—With half a thousand people watching him, Ernest G. Stedman, a lawyer, jumped in front of a subway train at the express station at 14th street to-day and was ground to pieces. The suicide was extremely spectacular. Six cars passed over the body, and buried it over the edge of the platform in front of a motor car. Women shrieked and a man fainted. Traffic was delayed an hour until the police reserves had to be called out. He is a nephew of J. C. Stedman, the broker.

## SLIPPED INTO HOLE IN ICE.

Daniel M. Sullivan Drowned in Ware River at Gilbertville.

Gilbertville, Mass., Dec. 26.—Daniel M., 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Sullivan, was drowned at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon while attempting to cross the ice on the Ware river. Hugh Scott narrowly escaped a like fate while trying to rescue the boy. Young Sullivan's body was recovered about three hours later after the ice had been broken and melted by bonfires. The boy was on his way with some other children to attend the Christmas festivities at the parochial school. In order to take a short cut they started to walk across the river, and had nearly reached the farther bank when Sullivan slipped into a hole in the ice.

## To Remain Another Year.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 26.—The committee of the Yale faculty, not having succeeded in finding a successor to Dean Henry P. Wright, head of the academic department of the university, Dean Wright has consented to remain at the head of the department for an additional year.

## Six Fast Rounds.

New York, Dec. 26.—Jim Donovan of this city and Charles Hite of Albany, boxed six fast rounds before a club house yesterday. The match was pretty even during the first, second and final rounds, though Donovan had the better of the others.

## A WM. J. BRYAN APPOINTED SENATOR

It Is Not the Commonest, But a Candidate in Florida, Who Succeeded the Late Senator Mallory.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 26.—Governor Broward yesterday appointed William James Bryan of this city, to be United States senator vice Stephen Russell Mallory, deceased, for the balance of the term expiring March 4, 1909. Mr. Bryan is a prominent young attorney, only 31 years of age, and now holds the position of county solicitor for this (Duval) county. He was born in Orange county, Fla., October 10, 1876. He is the son of John M. Bryan, who served 14 years as a state senator and afterward as a member of the state railroad commission. Mr. Bryan was reared in the vicinity of his birthplace and attended the local schools. Later he attended Emory college, where he graduated with the degree of bachelor of arts in 1906. Three years later he graduated professionally at Washington and Lee university and at once began to practice law in Jacksonville.

In 1902 he was nominated for county solicitor of the criminal court of record of Duval county and still holds that office. Mr. Bryan is a member of the law firm of Bryan & Bryan, his partner being Hon. Nathan P. Bryan, chairman of the state educational board of control. He has always been in active politics and at present is a member of the Democratic executive committee, of which Hon. Duncan U. Fletcher is chairman. About two months ago, Mr. Bryan announced his candidacy for the United States senatorship to succeed Senator Mallory. He is not related to William J. Bryan of Nebraska.

## MORAN AND LAWSON WIN.

Had to Run an Extra Mile to Decide the 24-Hour Bicycle Race.

Boston, Dec. 26.—The twenty-four-hour bicycle race which began Tuesday evening at the Park Square ring, was won last night by the team consisting of J. F. Moran of Chelsea and Iver Lawson of Salt Lake City. They covered 461 miles, 3 laps, Patrick Logan of Boston and W. S. Mitten of Davenport, Iowa, were tied with Moran and his partner for first place at the conclusion of the race and a mile sprint was necessary to decide the winner.

For third place three teams were tied, but after a sprint the place went to Floyd Krebs of Newark, N. J., and Hugh McLean of Chelsea. Bedell brothers of Long Island City were fourth; Charles Sherwood of New York and George Wiley of Syracuse, fifth; N. M. Anderson of Denham, and E. Ruppke of Belgium, sixth, and A. W. Holbrook of Boston and Joseph Halligan of Montreal seventh.

## ADM. DEWEY WORKS ON HIS BIRTHDAY

Didn't Make Much Fuss About Event Today Although He Did Have a Dinner Party the Other Day.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—This is Admiral Dewey's 70th birthday. He had a little celebration a few days ago, and today made no particular fuss about the event. He believes that a man ought to work on his birthday and was at his office early as usual. He was born in Montpelier, Vermont December 26, 1837.

## ARREST BANK PRESIDENT.

He Will Be Asked to Explain an Unrecorded Loan of \$10,000.

Durango, Colo., Dec. 26.—Charles E. McConnell, president of the Smelter City bank, which closed its doors December 17, was last night placed under arrest upon a warrant sworn to by a depositor of the bank who had \$3,400 on deposit when the institution closed its doors. The committee which has charge of examining the affairs of the bank yesterday found that on December 12 Mr. McConnell had borrowed \$10,000 from the First National bank of Durango and had given securities from his bank for the money, but the books of the Smelter City bank did not show that \$10,000 had been placed on deposit there.

## CUT HOLE IN SAFE AND SECURED \$1,900

Bold and Clever Work Done By Burglars in a Boston Saloon Yesterday—Left Tools Behind.

Boston, Dec. 26.—Burglars entered the saloon of Flashman Brothers at 51-52 Green street some time during the day yesterday, took a heavy safe into the back room, and cutting out the bottom of the safe secured \$1,400 and \$500 in checks. The thieves also took away in considerable quantity of the stock of the saloon. A number of burglars' tools were left behind.

## Was Granted a Reprieve.

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 26.—Governor Woodruff yesterday granted a further reprieve until March 27 next to Pasquale Esposito, the 39-year-old Greenwich youth who is under sentence of death and who was to have been hanged this week, having been adjudged guilty of the murder of his boarding house mistress. The governor's action followed a hearing held yesterday before him.

## Booth Tarkington in Court.

Indianapolis, Dec. 26.—Several charges against Booth Tarkington the author, growing out of his altercation with the police Christmas eve while he was "gathering local color" for a new story, were continued in the local court today until Saturday.

## NO BAIL FOR WIFE SLAYER

Dr. Walter R. Amesburg Arraigned To-day

## FOR YESTERDAY'S ACT

Just as the Family Was About to Sit Down to Dinner on Christmas Day, He Killed Mrs. Amesbury.

Dedham, Mass., Dec. 26.—Dr. Walter Raleigh Amesburg pleaded not guilty today when arraigned in Norfolk district court, charged with murdering his wife, whom he shot yesterday as the family was about to sit down to a Christmas dinner in Hyde Park. At the request of both sides, a continuance was granted to January 2. Amesburg was held without bail.

Dr. Amesburg was placed under arrest immediately after the shooting. The body of Mrs. Amesburg was taken to an undertaking room and Medical Examiner Charles Sturtevant summoned. Mrs. Amesburg had come from Virginia to pass the holidays with her sons, Walter R. Amesburg, Jr., and Ira R. Amesburg, who live with their grandmother, Mrs. Reed. Dr. Amesburg came from Milford, where he has practiced for some time, to the Christmas festivities with the family.

Mrs. Amesburg was 40 years of age and a native of Kentucky. Since her marriage to Dr. Amesburg they had lived at different times in Kingston and Duxbury, Mass., and Corsicana, Texas. Some time ago Mrs. Amesburg went to Virginia and began teaching music in a college. She was an accomplished vocalist.

According to the police, Dr. Amesburg and Mrs. Amesburg became engaged in a quarrel regarding family matters. They were conversing in the kitchen, when suddenly the other members of the family, who were in the dining room, heard two shots fired. Rushing into the kitchen, the Amesburgs, the oldest of whom is 20 years of age, grappled with their father and threw him to the floor. After a struggle the revolver was taken away from him, and he was held until the arrival of the police.

Dr. Amesburg is 49 years of age. He was formerly a surgeon in the British army, stationed in Jamaica.

## DREADFUL ACTS OF GEORGE A. GREEN

Tried to Kill Wife Another Woman and Then Himself in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Dec. 26.—Leaving a letter that he had died for love, George A. Green, aged 35 years, early yesterday shot and probably fatally wounded Miss Edith Wenderly, aged 22 years, and then turned the revolver upon himself, inflicting probably fatal wounds. Green is married but is separated from his wife. In a letter which is addressed to the Philadelphia newspapers Green attacks his wife and among other things says: "Today I am going to kill myself and a true and loving friend, as my letter and here you will see."

"We did for love which was denied from us by her dead mother. This is the only girl I ever loved. We have promised before God we could not live apart. This is our secret."

It developed later that before he shot Miss Wenderly and attempted to kill his own wife, Green waylaid and attempted to kill his wife, Mrs. Green, who is an attractive young woman, told of the attack as the result of which she carried a bruised and swollen eye and has several contusions and marks on her neck. Mrs. Green said that her husband struck her, knocked her down, and choked her insensate.

## NO TURKEY FOR DINNER.

So Boarder Killed the Landlord at Pottsville Yesterday.

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 26.—Stanislaus Cotechak, a boarding house boss, was shot and killed here yesterday by Frank Casimere, following a trivial quarrel at the dinner table. Casimere, who was a boarder, complained because Cotechak had not provided a turkey for the Christmas dinner.

## HAD QUARRELED OFTEN.

William Van Bush of Sharon, Pa., Slashed His Wife and Himself.

Sharon, Dec. 26.—William Van Bush slashed his wife's throat with a razor and then cut his own throat at their home in Sarpsville early yesterday. Bush was a machinist, 45 years old and has wife about 33. Bush was her second husband. The couple had quarreled often.

## Two Dead by Gas.

Boston, Dec. 26.—Thomas Heslop, aged 49, and his nephew, Thomas F. Murphy, aged 11, were found dead in bed from gas asphyxiation yesterday at the house, 135 Stanford street, where they lodged. The boy was a son of Mrs. Helen E. Murphy. Other persons in the house smelled escaping gas yesterday morning, and on entering the room occupied by them found them dead. The valve of a gas jet was turned on full and the tip of the jet was missing.

## Killed by Trolley Car.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 26.—While chasing a foot ball with which he and other boys were playing yesterday, Joseph Raposa, aged 16, of 135 Shove street, ran in front of the trolley car on the Newport and Fall River line and was fatally injured. His death occurred at the hospital.

## MRS. C. M. WINCH Passed Away Last Evening—Funeral Will Be Held Saturday Afternoon.

Mrs. Melinda Bradford, wife of Assistant County Judge C. M. Winch, died at 8:30 o'clock last evening at her home on Trow hill, after a brief illness with pneumonia. Mrs. Winch was born in Barre April 25, 1845, and with the exception of a brief time spent in Northfield in her early married life, had spent her entire life in her native town.

She was the daughter of Thomas J. and Thankful V. Bradford, and was one of a family of six children, four of whom are still living, viz. George Bradford of South Lancaster, Mass., Wilbur F. Bradford of this city, Oscar V. Bradford of Medford, Mass., and Mrs. Erastus Keith of this city. She leaves also two children, Mabel F., living at home and Dr. Arthur W., of Jewett City, Conn.

Mrs. Winch had been in feeble and failing health for ten years or more, suffering severely at times, but through all maintained her serene and patient spirit and met bravely and hopefully the trials and losses that feebleness and failing strength constantly brought.

She was a person of a quiet nature, whose tender and self-denying disposition made many friends, and she leaves many sweet memories behind. She lived a true, brave and helpful life and will be sadly missed and mourned by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Her home life was especially beautiful and attractive, and it was in her home that the richest qualities of her character were manifested. A good and noble woman has gone home.

The funeral services will be held at the First Congregational church on Saturday afternoon at half-past one o'clock.

## A NATIVE OF NORTHFIELD.

Henry M. Miller, Who Died in Randolph Yesterday Morning.

Randolph, Dec. 26.—Henry M. Miller, a well-known insurance agent for the last 17 years, died yesterday morning after a long illness, from Bright's disease and complications. Mr. Miller was born in Northfield, Sept. 12, 1854, but since 1889 has been a resident of Randolph. He was a member of the subordinate lodge of Odd Fellows in this place and belonged also to the Thomas Wilkey encampment of Montpelier. He left a wife and three daughters, Helen Emily, a teacher in Walsfield, Mass.; Lina, who teaches in Walsfield, and Ruby, who was graduated from the Randolph high school last September. Mr. Miller is also survived by a mother, 87 years of age, Mrs. C. R. Miller of Worcester, Mass., and by two brothers, G. H. Miller of Worcester and Rev. F. M. Miller, who is located in California. The funeral will be held at 1 o'clock Friday afternoon.

## DIED IN ITALY.

Charles Lotti Who Went There in Search of Health a Few Months Ago.

Mrs. Charles Lotti of 19 Shibley avenue, Montpelier, has received word of the death of her husband at Brenno, Usteri, Province de Cuni, Italy, where he went a few months ago in search of health, being afflicted with granitic cancer's consumption. A short time after his absence a child was born to them. Besides these, he leaves a brother, Giovanni Lotti of Barre, a sister, Teresa Comelli of Quincy, Mass., and his father and mother and two brothers and a sister in Italy.

The deceased was 34 years of age and came to this country many years ago, residing in Maine and Massachusetts granitic centers before coming to Vermont and to Montpelier. He worked for the Wetmore & Morse granite company six years, for Harry Bertoli two years, and for the Columbian Granite company one year. He was popular with his countrymen and was one of their leaders.

## DEATH OF G. H. CUTTING.

Announced in Despatch From Worcester, Mass.—Builder of Mills.

A despatch from Worcester, Mass., announces the death there of George H. Cutting in the following: "Worcester, Mass., Dec. 26.—George Hiram Cutting, who built the Grafton flax works at South Barre, Vt., two mills at Vt. noski, and the bridge which spans the river at the latter place, died early yesterday of Bright's disease. He was born in Lyme, N. H., 70 years ago, a lineal descendant of Richard Cutting. He worked in St. Johnsbury, Derby and Newport, Vt., and came to Worcester in 1877 and since then has devoted his time to contracting and building. He was also head of the G. H. Cutting Granite Co., of Barre, Vt. Mrs. Cutting is the daughter of James Houston of Waterbury, Vt."

## WILLIAM EDW. EASTMAN

Died From Heart Failure, Which Grew Out of Attack of Measles.

William Edward Eastman died at six o'clock yesterday morning at his home in the Premier block on Granite street, after a two weeks' illness with measles, which resulted in heart failure, causing his death. Mr. Eastman was 52 years of age, was born in Rochester and had resided in Barre since last March. The funeral will be held at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning at the house, Captain Ed. Smith of the Salvation Army officiating.

## PRESIDENT GOES TO COUNTRY HOME

With His Family He Left Washington Shortly Before Noon—Will Come Back Tuesday.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—President Roosevelt and family left for Pine Knot, Albemarle county, Virginia, shortly after 11 o'clock to-day. Accompanying the president were Mrs. Roosevelt, Miss Ethel, Teddy, Archie, Quentin, and Miss Carey, Mrs. Roosevelt's sister. They will reach the station at North Garden at 2:40 this afternoon. From there it is ten miles to the president's country home. They will return to Washington next Tuesday in time to prepare for the New Year's reception at the White House.

## CHRISTMAS JOY IN BARRE

Observance of The Great Festival Day Yesterday

## CHURCH EXERCISES HELD

Local Salvation Army Corps Made 147 People Happy With Christmas Dinner, Besides Setting Up a Christmas Tree.

The last faint jingle of Santa Claus' equipage has died away in the distance, and Christmas of 1907 is a thing of the past.

The day brought the spirit of gladness, with here and there a tinge of sadness; but all the Christian world felt kin whether it be in joy or in sorrow.

Its observance in Barre was not out of the ordinary. There were Christmas exercises and trees at the churches and the numerous home gatherings about the gaily decorated houses. The shutting down of the granite plants the evening before left the several thousand workers in them to take their leisure, which this year, will continue generally till January 6. At noon, the stores closed their doors to the fast-thinning crowd of shoppers and permitted tired merchants and clerks to take a half-day's respite. Banks, post-office and other offices did likewise at their own times. Altogether, it was a "closed" day.

Enjoyable exercises were held in the vestry of the Universalist church for the young people of the Sunday school on Christmas eve. A large number of the children were present and all received presents, which were hung on several small trees arranged on the platform. The trees were illuminated with red lights, making a very pretty scene. The pastor was also included in the presentation of the gifts. Stereoscopic pictures were first shown to the children in the auditorium up stairs and this was followed by a short pantomime on the stage down stairs. The scene represented a mother, which part was taken by Miss Blanche Tilden, reading to her children about the first place, on which the stockings were hung. The children fall asleep and Santa Claus, Dr. J. M. Lynde, appears and begins filling up the stockings. Santa accidentally drops one of his gifts on to the floor and the children wake up and spy him before he can get away.

At the Baptist church the Christmas exercises Tuesday evening were well attended by the children, and there were also many of the older people present. The front part of the church was very prettily decorated with numerous trees loaded with gifts and over the altar was a large red Christmas ball. A very enjoyable program of songs and recitations was given by the children and brief remarks were made by the pastor, after which the gifts were distributed.

At the Presbyterian church, two trees were laden with presents for the little ones, and some of a larger growth. Beside the trees there was placed an old-fashioned brick fireplace, and this was also laden with presents. The first part of the evening was given up to a musical and literary program which opened with a chorus, "Welcome to Christmas," by the school, and was followed by a greeting by Miss Cruikshank. After this came a lengthy and enjoyable program consisting of recitations, dialogues and songs by members of the school. At the conclusion of the program the presents were distributed, Edward Kent making a jovial and efficient Santa Claus.

The Epworth League room of the Hedding Methodist Episcopal church was filled with little folks and their elders and all thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment which was given. The presents were fastened upon two prettily decorated trees and upon tables. The evening program opened by the singing of a chorus, "Joy Be to the World," by the school, and this was followed by a prayer by Rev. E. C. Thayer. Then came a program in which nearly all the boys and girls of the school had some part, either singing, recitations or a part in a dialogue, of which there were several. The presents were distributed at the close of the entertainment by a committee appointed for that purpose.

The children of St. Monica's church were entertained with a Christmas tree at the Knights of Columbus hall at three o'clock yesterday afternoon, and the hall was well filled. A program consisting of choruses, recitations and dialogues was given. At the conclusion of the program, John F. Callahan, acting as Santa Claus and dressed as such, distributed the numerous presents from the tree and gave them to the children.

Three masses were celebrated at St. Monica's church in observance of Christmas. The first came at 12 o'clock on Tuesday night, the celebrant of the mass being Father McKenna, assisted by Fathers Coni and Cray. The church was well filled and the special music much enjoyed. Music was given by an orchestra of five pieces, Mrs. Smith sang two solos. A mass for the children was held at nine o'clock yesterday morning, the celebrant being Rev. P. McKenna, and at 10 o'clock the regular parish mass was celebrated by Rev. E. F. Curry.

Special Christmas services are being held at the Church of the Good Shepherd this week, having begun yesterday morning with holy communion and sermon by the rector, the Rev. C. E. Freeman. To-day (Feast of St. Stephen) holy communion was administered, and the same will be observed to-morrow and Saturday mornings. To-morrow evening there will be a children's festival.

Many homes were brightened and the Christmas table unusually stocked through the efforts of the local Salvation Army corps. The members started out early yesterday morning distributing the dinner baskets which they had

been busily packing for a day. There were 32 of these baskets, containing tempting things, and they went into 32 homes for 147 people. This splendid work was made possible largely through the contributions of the public, money and clothing being given as well as food. Among the money contributions was the kettle collection. A kettle, set up on a tripod, was placed on Main street, and into this the passersby dropped their pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, or whatever they felt able to give. This kettle "boiled" to the extent of \$10 in three days. Then there were the little money collectors placed in several of the stores. Last night a Christmas tree was set up in the barracks and from it presents were distributed to all of the 125 people, mostly children, who attended.

To all those happy people who received the donations and who tried to thank the Army people, the response was given: "Why, bless you, we didn't give it; the public gave it. We only acted as intermediaries."

But the donations would not have been made unless the Salvation Army people had undertaken the collecting. So the credit is the Army's.

## THIRTEEN, BUT LUCKY.

Were the Operators in the Local Telephone Exchange.

Although they number thirteen, the girls in the local telephone exchange did not consider themselves unlucky yesterday as the gifts and well-wishes of the army of patrons began to pour in. Flowers, candy, fruit and nuts galore fairly buried them, until they lost all count of the number of presents, but they are extremely grateful to the givers for the spirit which animated the presentations. Miss Belle Chandler, chief operator, speaking for all, said to-day that the girls felt that in a measure the unusual shower of gifts was due to appreciation of their efforts to build up a thoroughly satisfactory service. If the voices of the girls sound sweeter than ever over the wires to-day, there's a reason.

## THE QUOTING CLUB TIME.

The Club Entertains Guests at Its Annual Dance.

The Granite City Quoting club held its annual dance and supper at Miles hall Tuesday evening, the members of the club and their guests making a party numbering about 100. Dancing was enjoyed from early evening until early morning, music being furnished by Angus' orchestra of four pieces. Refreshments were served at intermission. James Donald and Archie Reid acted as floor managers.

## SERVICES IN MONTEPILIER.

Audience of Nearly 2,000 at St. Augustine's Church Tuesday Night.

Midnight services were held at two Montpelier churches Tuesday evening, St. Augustine's and Christ. At the former there was an attendance of nearly 2,000, with Fr. Cullion as celebrant. The full choir sang Rosewig's high mass in G. At Christ Episcopal church, the Rev. H. A. Flint administered communion, and the full choir rendered music.

## DISTRIBUTED 860 PRESENTS.

Birthday Social Club of Williamstown Has Annual Gathering.

Williamstown, Dec. 26.—The Birthday Social club held its annual Christmas exercises at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Sanders Tuesday evening. For upwards of thirty years this organization has held these events, skipping only one year in that period. There were 75 people in attendance Tuesday night, and the generosity of the club members is shown by the distribution of 860 presents that night. An enjoyable evening was spent, a fine program being given and refreshments being served.

At the Methodist and Universalist churches, the same evening, there were Christmas trees with the usual exercises. A Christmas concert will be given at the Congregational church to-morrow. Among those especially blessed Christmas was Mrs. A. A. Reed, organist for the granite and for the Universalist society. From the former she got a gold watch and from the latter a chain to go with it. These gifts were tokens of appreciation of her services.

Remember the dance Friday evening. A good time is expected; dancing from 8 to 12, with House's orchestra for music.—Mrs. George Poor is enjoying a visit from her mother, who lives in Canada.—Mrs. Bailey and daughter of Newbury are visiting at the home of Rev. E. F. Curry.

## CHEERED THE INMATES.

Special Efforts Put Forth at the State Hospital for the Insane.

Waterbury, Dec. 26.—Through the efforts of the hospital authorities, there was as much good cheer as possible for the several hundred patients of the state hospital for the insane yesterday. The various wards were decorated for the occasion, and more than one unfortunate mumbled about Christmas days of yore, as he looked on the pretty things. Besides that, a special Christmas dinner was held.

A change has been made in the staff of physicians at the hospital. Dr. E. A. Stanley, one of Waterbury's successful practitioners, becomes a member, to fill the place which was to be taken by Dr. A. L. Lerner of Hinesburg, who was appointed, but who decided not to give up his practice in Hinesburg.

## SALVATION ARMY WORK.

Burlington Corps Distributed 119 Baskets Yesterday.

Burlington, Dec. 26.—The local Salvation Army corps distributed 119 baskets of food to the poor on Christmas. Each basket contained five pounds of roast beef, one pound of sugar, a loaf of bread, two quarts of coffee, a can of tomatoes, one pound of apples, a can of peas, a bag of pears, a pound of tea, potatoes, a War Cry and other good things. The baskets were distributed at a cost of \$17.00, much of which was collected by a house-to-house canvass by the adjutant. A kettle was placed at the corner of College and Church streets for several weeks, but the money received by that means was not enough to defray the expenses.

## CHIEF TOOK THE "KITTY"

And Arrested Joseph Bedard as Proprietor

## OF ALLEGED POKER JOINT

Bedard Says He's Not Guilty and Will Have a Trial on December 30—Other Holiday Court Business.

Charged with keeping a gambling resort in the rooms formerly used as the law office of Frank D. Burgess in the Granite block, Joseph Bedard was arraigned in the city court this morning. He entered a plea of not guilty to the charge and the case was continued to Dec. 30 for trial. He was placed under \$300 bail which he was endeavoring to raise this morning. Chief David Faulkner made a raid on the rooms, single handed